GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AYURVEDA,YOGA & NATUROPATHY,UNANI,SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH)
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:488
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Promotion of Traditional Medicine
Baker Shri George

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,YOGA & NATUROPATHY,UNANI,SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:
(a) whether the Government is planning to promote traditional medicine through education and skill development across the country and worldwide;
(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT and country-wise;
(c) whether the Government has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the World Health Organisation (WHO) in this regard; and
(d) if so, the details thereof along with the target fixed for the same?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) & (b) The Central Government is promoting traditional medicine through education and skill development across the country and worldwide as detailed below:
(i) The Central Government regulates the education of AYUSH systems in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 and regulations made thereunder. The States/Union territories-wise number of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani colleges in the country are given at Annexure.
(ii) Under the Information, Education and Communication Scheme, the Ministry takes up initiatives for propagation and promotion of AYUSH systems of medicine by organizing Arogya fairs/Melas, Conferences, Exhibitions, Seminars, Workshops, Symposium and also undertaking publicity through electronic multimedia, print media campaigning for awareness amongst the citizens all over the country.
(iii) The Central Sector Scheme of Ministry of AYUSH for Promotion of International Cooperation in AYUSH has two components under which financial assistance is provided for promotion of traditional medicine through education as per details below:
1. Under International Fellowship/ Scholarship Programme, scholarships are provided to the foreign nationals for undertaking undergraduate and postgraduate courses in AYUSH systems of medicine in premier Indian institutions. The scheme is being implemented through the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR). As of now, 50 scholarships are offered for all countries. In addition, 20 scholarships are offered for Malaysian nationals and 29 for South East Asian Region countries. From 2016 onwards, 25 slots over a period of 5 years (2015-2019) are being offered for African nations under the 3rd India- Africa Forum Summit.
2. The Ministry of AYUSH establishes AYUSH Academic Chairs in foreign Universities/ Institutions to promote academic and collaborative research activities on AYUSH systems abroad and to develop quality standards for AYUSH education in foreign educational institutes. As of now, AYUSH Academic Chairs have been established in Hungary and Thailand.

(c) &(d): Yes. Project Collaboration Agreement was signed with the World Health Organisation (WHO) on 13.05.2016. Under the agreement, India has decided to assign to WHO activities for development of the following WHO Technical documents/publications by December, 2020:
(i) Benchmarks for training in Yoga
(ii) Benchmarks for practice in Ayurveda
(iii) Benchmarks for practice in Unani Medicine
(iv) Benchmarks for practice in Panchakarma.